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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 7 Percent From Last Year

On June 1, 2008, Arizona had 365,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 25,000 head from a year ago but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 34,000 head during May, 2,000 head less than a year ago. During May, 38,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 head from last year.

On June 1, 2008, California had 525,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 30,000 head from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 80,000 head during May, up 7,000 head from last year. During May, 71,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on June 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2007 and 3 percent below June 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.90 million, 12 percent below 2007 and slightly below 2006. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 350,000, 700-799 pounds were 564,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.14 million, 3 percent above 2007 but 1 percent below 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during May, 19 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

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